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COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE BUDGET SESSION, 1121

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The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at half-past eleven of the clock with the Hon'ble the President (Sir George Boag, K. C. I. E., C. S. I.) in the chair.

Rao Bahadur T. S. Narayana Ayyar and Messrs. P. Govinda Menon. C. N. Ittiravi Namboodiri and P. E. Warne were absent.

I. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Mr. President: I will ask the Secretary to answer the questions on behalf of the Transferred Departments.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Sir, I rise on a point of order. Is there a Minister for Public Health today?

Mr. President: I have just said that I ask the Secretary to answer questions on behalf of the Transferred Departments.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Then this Printing may be corrected Sir.

Mr. President: I have seen it corrected on record.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Our books contain otherwise.

FISHERY SCHEME

218. Mrs. T. Francis *(Ernakulam-Women):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) how far the Cochin Fishery scheme has advanced as far as Deep-sea, back-water and fresh water fishing are concerned;

(*b*) do the Government intend to follow in Cochin the scheme suggested by Dr. C. C. John for Travancore?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Public Health):*

(*a*) In regard to *deep-sea fishing* 12 men in 3 boats were engaged for shark fishing with hook and line and havepoons. A set of drift net was also worked with five men. More of line and drift nets will be operated in 1122.

One of the candidates trained in the Marine Fisheries Course of training at Madras was put in charge of the deep-sea fishing work from the second quarter of 1121.

Two motor fishing vessels have been recently purchased by Government for use in connection with the development of deep-sea fishing.

(*ii*) *Back water fishing*: About six more acres in the Narakkal Fish Farm were rendered deep for fish stocking, thereby increasing the extent of the Fish Farm at Narakkal from six to twelve acres. An area of about 27 acres at Nayarambalam has been enclosed as preliminary to fish culture. Action is being taken for conducting experiments with fertilisers in regard to pisciculture. Provision has been made in the budget for 1122 for converting into a fish farm an extent of about 70 acres of the accretion of poramboke land in Malipuram and Narakkal.

In Medam 1121, one of the candidates trained in the Marine Fisheries Course was appointed as Inspector to be in charge of pisciculture in back-waters.

(*iii*) *Fresh water:* A candidate deputed for training in Fresh-water Fisheries Course at Calcutta was appointed as Inspector of Fisheries for fresh-water pisciculture in Meenam 1121. He is investigating the possibility of fresh-water fisheries development in the State.

(*b*) Government have an idea to participate along with the Governments of India and Travancore in the schemes relating to fisheries research prepared by Dr. C. C. John. The matter is under correspondence. For development of the State fisheries. Government have drawn up and are pursuing schemes of their own.

Mrs. T. Francis *(Ernakulam-Women):* With reference to (a) I would like to know whether a good catch of such fish has been effected.